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1. FYI. BELIEVE JUNE 16 LETTER, REFTEL, IS UNDATED
ARUTYUNOV LETTER TO BURCHINAL, HANDCARRIED BY ROOT ON
RETURN FROM MOSCOW (ORIGINAL OF WHICH SENT INTERNATIONAL
MAIL TO BURCHINAL AND DATED JUNE 22). COPY JUNE 1976
LETTER POUCHED EMBASSY JULY 9.

2. REQUEST EMBASSY TRANSMIT FOLLOWING BURCHINAL LETTER
TO ARUTYUNOV, WITH COPY TO ZARODOV. ASIS PROGRAM
MENTIONED IN PENULTIMATE PARAGRAPH POUCHED REGISTRY
2943938. END FYI.

01.10 - JULY 29, 1976

ENGR. N. B. ARUTYUNOV
CHIEF, DIRECTORATE FOR
SCIENTIFIC AND TECHNICAL INFORMATION
STATE COMMITTEE FOR SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY
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MOSCOW

DEAR NICKI:

THANK YOU FOR YOUR JUNE 22, 1976 LETTER PROPOSING
SEPTEMBER 9-10 FOR THE MEETING IN MOSCOW OF THE U.S.-
U.S.S.R. JOINT WORKING GROUP ON SCIENTIFIC AND
TECHNICAL INFORMATION TO BE PRECEDED BY MEETINGS OF TWO
RESEARCH GROUPS SEPTEMBER 6-8.

BECAUSE OF THE UNANTICIPATED DELAY IN SELECTING MEMBERS
FOR THE RESEARCH GROUP ON FORECASTING AND COST/BENEFIT,
IT DOES NOT SEEM FEASIBLE TO HOLD A MEETING OF THIS
GROUP WITHIN THE NEXT TWO MONTHS. IT WOULD BE BETTER,
I BELIEVE, TO WAIT UNTIL THE RESPECTIVE HEADS OF THE
GROUP HAVE HAD AN OPPORTUNITY TO PREPARE AND EXCHANGE
IDEAS ON A PROPOSED PROGRAM AND THE FUTURE DIRECTIONS OF
COLLABORATION IN THIS AREA.

AS WE HAVE NOT YET RECEIVED THE SOVIET COMPUTER TAPE, WE
BELIEVE A MEETING OF THE RESEARCH GROUP ON COMMON FORMAT
WOULD BE MORE PRODUCTIVE AFTER EACH SIDE HAS HAD
SUFFICIENT OPPORTUNITY TO EXPERIMENT WITH THE EXCHANGED
TAPES.

IN VIEW OF THESE UNCERTAINTIES I PROPOSE THAT WE POSTPONE
THE MEETING OF THE JOINT WORKING GROUP UNTIL SPRING,
1977. IN THE MEANWHILE, REPRESENTATIVES OF THE GROUP ON
FORECASTING AND COST/BENEFIT COULD EXCHANGE PLANS BY
CORRESPONDENCE OR, IF NECESSARY, BY MEETING EITHER IN THE
U.S. OR THE U.S.S.R. TO DEVELOP A PROPOSED NEW PROGRAM
FOR DISCUSSION BY THE FULL GROUP AT A MEETING TO TAKE
PLACE IN THE SPRING OF 1977 JUST PRIOR TO THE MEETING
OF THE JOINT WORKING GROUP. PROF. DEREK J. DE SOLLA
PRICE HAS AGREED TO HEAD THE U.S. SIDE OF THIS GROUP
AND WILL SHORTLY BE IN CONTACT WITH DR. V. S. MALOV.

THE COMMON FORMAT GROUP COULD MOST LIKELY MEET BEFORE
SPRING 1977. TO EXPEDITE EXPERIMENTATION AND TESTING
WITH THE TAPES, WE SHOULD CONSIDER EXCHANGING
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APPROPRIATE WORKING-LEVEL SPECIALISTS FOR A SHORT PERIOD
SUCH AS 7-10 DAYS. MR. THOMAS HUGHES, U.S. COORDINATOR
FOR THIS GROUP, WILL CONTACT DR. TARAKANOV ABOUT DETAILS.

IN REPLY TO YOUR JULY 23 INQUIRY OF OUR AMERICAN
EMBASSY, MOSCOW, SCIENCE OFFICE, I AM PLEASED TO TELL
YOU THAT SOVIET INFORMATION SPECIALISTS ARE WELCOME TO
PARTICIPATE IN THE 39TH ANNUAL MEETING OF ASIS WHICH

WILL BE HELD IN SAN FRANCISCO OCTOBER 5-9. MR. MELVIN S. DAY, CURRENT PRESIDENT OF ASIS, TELLS ME THAT A FORMAL INVITATION IS BEING EXTENDED TO YOU. I AM FORWARDING

THROUGH OUR EMBASSY A COPY OF THE PRELIMINARY ASIS PROGRAM GIVING THE TOPICS THAT WILL BE ADDRESSED. WE WOULD BE PLEASED TO MAKE ARRANGEMENTS FOR ANY SITE VISITS WHICH YOUR SPECIALISTS MAY WISH TO MAKE WHILE IN THE U.S.

I LOOK FORWARD TO OUR CONTINUED COOPERATION IN ADVANCING THE MUTUAL EXCHANGE OF SCIENTIFIC AND TECHNICAL INFORMATION.

SINCERELY,

LEE G. BURCHINAL
U.S. CHAIRMAN, U.S.-U.S.S.R.
JOINT WORKING GROUP ON SCIENTIFIC AND TECHNICAL INFORMATION

CC: MR. V. K. ZARODOV. KISSINGER

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